

# STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!™



Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
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## When you leave a body of water:

- **CLEAN, DRAIN** and **DRY** anything that came into contact with water and remove all plants and other debris from boats, trailers, equipment, etc.
- **NEVER** release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came from that body of water.

# *IT'S THE LAW!*

**Up to \$5,000 fine**

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To Report Violations: Contact your Local Harbormaster or  
Massachusetts Environmental Police at (800) 632-8075  
[www.mass.gov/lakesandponds](http://www.mass.gov/lakesandponds)

## **PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES**

A. Clean, Drain, Dry. All visible plants, mud, or other debris should be removed. All drain plugs should be pulled with any standing water allowed to fully drain. The watercraft and equipment should then be allowed to fully dry for 1 week during July and August, 2 weeks in June and September, and 4 weeks before and after these dates. Dry times should be longer if weather has been unseasonably cool or wet.

Note: Vessels that have been exposed to freezing temperatures for the winter are considered to be decontaminated.

OR

B. Clean, Drain, Decontaminate. After cleaning and draining, use an approved decontamination method or combination of methods on all vessel parts in contact with water and carpeted trailer bunks:

**Steam or Scalding Hot Wash (>140 degrees):** To achieve this temperature at the surface being cleaned, water temperature must be as close to 155 degrees as possible at the nozzle (Note: Caution should be taken as this temperature may cause scalding to exposed skin). Keep contact for 10 seconds or more. High pressure spray is best to clean the outside surfaces of vessels and low pressure should be used to flush live wells, bilges, ballasts, and engines. Run the water through the craft's cooling system for at least 10 seconds at 140 degrees. Use "ears" for outboards, or garden hose for personal watercraft and inboards as you would normally for winterization or running while out of water.

Note: All decontamination procedures should be implemented away from water bodies and storm drains draining to watercourses.

### **Cleaning Solutions**

<b>Disinfectant</b>	<b>Concentration</b>	<b>Contact Time</b>
Steam/Scalding hot wash	>140°F	10 Seconds
Chlorine/Bleach Solution	1 oz. per gallon water	10 Minutes
Lysol	1% Solution	10 Minutes
Vinegar	as sold - 100%	20 Minutes
Freezing	<32°F	24 Hours



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